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HOUSE BILL No. 1217

DIGEST OF HB 1217 (Updated January 29, 2002 10:23 AM - DI 14)

Citations Affected: IC 16-18; IC 16-31.

Synopsis: Use of epinephrine by EMTs. Permits an emergency medical technician (EMT) or an advanced emergency medical technician to administer epinephrine to a person experiencing an allergic reaction or anaphylaxis. Requires the emergency medical services commission to establish training and certification standards for the administration of epinephrine.

Effective: July 1, 2002.

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Weinzapfel, Brown T, Crawford,
Day, Moses, Pelath, Welch**

January 10, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.
January 29, 2002, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2001 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2001,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 7. (a) "Advanced life support", for purposes of
4 IC 16-31, means care that is given:

5 (1) at the scene of:

6 (A) an accident;

7 (B) an act of terrorism (as defined in IC 35-41-1-26.5), if the
8 governor has declared a disaster emergency under IC 10-4-1-7
9 in response to the act of terrorism; or

10 (C) an illness;

11 (2) during transport; or

12 (3) at a hospital;

13 by a paramedic or an advanced emergency medical technician and that
14 is more advanced than the care usually provided by an emergency
15 medical technician.

16 (b) The term may include any of the following:

17 (1) Defibrillation.

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- (2) Endotracheal intubation.
- (3) Parenteral injections of appropriate medications, **including administration of epinephrine through an auto-injector.**
- (4) Electrocardiogram interpretation.
- (5) Emergency management of trauma and illness.

SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-30.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 30.5. "Auto-injector", for purposes of IC 16-31, means a spring loaded needle and syringe:**

- (1) containing a single dose of medication; and**
- (2) that automatically releases and injects the medication.**

SECTION 3. IC 16-18-2-33.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 33.5. (a) "Basic life support", for purposes of IC 16-31, means the following:

- (1) Assessment of emergency patients.
- (2) Administration of oxygen.
- (3) Use of mechanical breathing devices.
- (4) Application of anti-shock trousers.
- (5) Performance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- (6) Application of dressings and bandage materials.
- (7) Application of splinting and immobilization devices.
- (8) Use of lifting and moving devices to ensure safe transport.
- (9) Use of an automatic or a semiautomatic defibrillator if the defibrillator is used in accordance with training procedures established by the Indiana emergency medical services commission.
- (10) Administration by an emergency medical technician of epinephrine through an auto-injector.**
- (11) Other procedures authorized by the Indiana emergency medical services commission, including procedures contained in the revised national emergency medical technician-basic training curriculum guide.**

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a)(10), the term does not include invasive medical care techniques or advanced life support.

SECTION 4. IC 16-31-2-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.156-2001, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 9. The commission shall establish the following:

- (1) Standards for persons who provide emergency medical services and who are not licensed or regulated under IC 16-31-3.
- (2) Training and certification standards for the use of automatic and semiautomatic defibrillators by first responders.
- (3) Training and certification standards for the administration of

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1 antidotes, vaccines, and antibiotics to prepare for or respond to a
2 terrorist or military attack.

3 **(4) Training and certification standards for the**
4 **administration of epinephrine through an auto-injector by:**

5 **(1) an emergency medical technician; or**

6 **(2) an advanced emergency medical technician.**

7 SECTION 5. IC 16-31-3-23 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
8 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
9 1, 2002]: **Sec. 23. An emergency medical technician or advanced**
10 **emergency medical technician who is certified under this article**
11 **may administer epinephrine through an auto-injector to an**
12 **individual who is experiencing symptoms of an allergic reaction or**
13 **anaphylaxis.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1217, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

BROWN C, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

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